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For: COLORED BUILDING BOARDS,  
MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

Examiner: Leszek B. Kiliman

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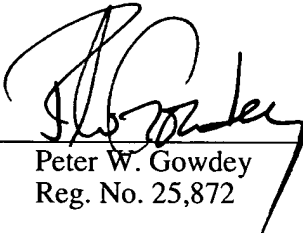
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